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## Senate

The Senate met at 12 noon, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, Sovereign of this Nation and Lord of our Lives, You have blessed us to be a vital part of Your blessing to others. We commit this day to be sensitive to the needs of others around us. Show us the people who particularly need encouragement or affirmation. Give us exactly what we should say to give them a lift. Free us of preoccupation with ourselves and our own needs. Help us to remember that people will care about what we know when they know we care about them. May our countenance, words, and actions communicate our caring. Make us good listeners and enable us to hear what people are expressing beneath what they are saying. Most of all, remind us of the power of intercessory prayer. May we claim Your best for people as we pray for them. Especially we pray for those with whom we disagree on issues. Help us to see them not as enemies but as people who will help sharpen our edge. Lift us above petty attitudes or petulant gossip. Fill this Chamber with Your presence and our hearts with Your magnanimous attitude toward others.

Today, we remember William Ridgley, who joined the company of heaven this last Saturday. He started his Senate service on June 1, 1949, as a bookkeeper in the Senate Disbursing Office and rose through the ranks of the Disbursing Office, leaving as the Senate Financial Clerk after 28 years. We remember him with gratefulness and ask You to comfort his family. In the name of our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able Senator from Minnesota [Mr. GRAMS] is recognized.

Mr. GRAMS. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, today the Senate will conduct a period of morning business until the hour of 2 p.m. with Senator DASCHLE or his designee controlling the time from 12 until 1, and Senator COVERDELL or his designee controlling the time from 1 until 2 this afternoon. Following morning business, the Senate will then resume consideration of H.R. 3662, the Interior appropriations bill. There will be no rollcall votes during today's session, however, and the majority leader urges any Senator who intends to offer an amendment to this appropriations bill to offer and to debate the amendment today so that we may complete action on this legislation tomorrow. Any votes ordered on amendments today will occur beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. Under a previous consent agreement, Senator BUMPERS will be recognized at 3 o'clock today in order to offer and debate his grazing fees amendment. It is the majority leader's hope that once Senator BUMPERS offers that amendment, we will be able to reach a reasonable time limitation for debate so that we may move on to other outstanding issues on the Interior appropriations bill.

Again, the majority leader asks for the cooperation of all colleagues as we continue to dispose of the remaining appropriations bills and hopes that Members will refrain from offering nongermane amendments that will only continue to delay passage of these spending measures as we approach the end of the fiscal year. We are also attempting to reach an agreement for consideration of the FAA reauthoriza-

tion bill that would enable us to finish that legislation in a reasonable timeframe. There are also a number of other legislative matters we hope to consider prior to the Senate adjournment, including the Magnuson Act. And with the help of all Senators, we can reach time agreements to finish all these matters.

Finally, I would remind all Senators that the majority leader expects busy sessions for the remaining weeks, and Senators should plan their schedules accordingly. It will be difficult, if not impossible, to finish our Senate business on time if Members request no votes every evening because of other commitments. I thank all of my colleagues in advance for their cooperation.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business for not to exceed 2 hours, with the time until 1 p.m. to be under the control of the Democratic leader, Mr. DASCHLE, and the time between 1 and 2 p.m. to be under the control of the Senator from Georgia, Mr. COVERDELL.

### MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 2073

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I understand that Senator NICKLES has a bill that is due for its second reading.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the bill for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2073) to require the District of Columbia to comply with the 5-year time limit for welfare recipients, to prohibit any future waiver of such limit, and for other purposes.

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